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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer to (b), Sir, may I ask the Minister for Development to be good enough to say what portion of the amount of Rs. 2,53,038-8-6 represents existing liabilities in connexion with the exhibition and how much of it exhibits future liabilities he contemplates ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" I want notice of the question, Sir. The figures have to be worked out."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask him just one more question, Sir, whether it is his intention to accept the Resolution of the House and not incur further liabilities in connexion with the British Empire Exhibition ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" It will be considered in due course."

FAMINE CONDITION.

Alleged famine conditions in Cuddapah district.

53 Q.—Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that famine conditions prevail in most parts of the Cuddapah district owing to the failure of the last monsoon ?

A.—The Government have not yet received any report of such conditions.

HIGH COURT.

Muhammadan High Court Judge.

54 Q.—Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government intend to appoint a Muhammadan in the earliest vacancy on the Madras High Court Bench ?

A.—Permanent appointments to the High Court are made by His Majesty. Acting appointments are made by the Local Government. The Local Government will pay due consideration to the claims of qualified Muhammadan gentlemen.

REVENUE DIVISIONS.

Abolition of the Cuddapah district.

55 Q.—Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have passed final orders on the proposal to abolish the Cuddapah district ?

A.—The Government have passed orders in G.O. No. 1731, dated the 24th November 1923, abandoning the proposal to abolish the Cuddapah district and the Government Order has been placed on the Editors' Table.

UNIVERSITY CORPS.

Head-dress of the volunteers of the University Training Corps.

56 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the volunteers of the University Corps have been directed to wear hats instead of caps or turbans ; and if the answer be in the affirmative, whether it is intended to remove the direction and substitute in its stead individual option ?

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A.—Members of the University Corps are allowed to wear either hats, topis or turbans, provided that all members of the Corps wear the same kind of head-dress. The Advisory Committee consisting of two Indians recommended the topi, which is also the most popular head-dress with the men.

Local Self-Government.

President, District Board, Tinnevelly.

56-A *Q.*—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the hon. the Minister for Development still continues to be the President of the Tinnevelly District Board ; and

(*b*) whether he will call on the hon. the Minister for Development to resign his place as President of the Tinnevelly District Board ?

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" Sir, the answer to (*a*) is in the negative. To (*b*) the answer is that it does not arise."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" When did he cease to be the president of the district board ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" A few days back."

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. Narasimha Raju :—" Is it a fact that he continued to be the president of the district board even after becoming the Minister for Development ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" Yes."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" For how many days ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" I think he sent in his resignation on the 13th. That is my recollection."

The Raja of Ramnad :—" The resignation will have to be formally accepted by the Board and till then he continues to be there, Sir. Is that not so ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" Yes."

The Raja of Ramnad :—" Has his resignation been so accepted ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" I have no information."

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. Narasimha Raju :—" Is it a fact that he has to simply present his application and that it need not be accepted by them ? "

No answer.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Is that at a meeting of the Board, Sir ? "

No answer.